

THE TRIUMPH OF GREED OVER NEED

The construction industry and the property market have well and truly collapsed. House prices have already fallen by up to 20% in some areas since 2006, and the fall is set to continue for some years still.

Although many politicians and developers will tell you that the property crash is nobody's fault – due to market conditions – they are simply liars. The reality is that the property bubble was entirely predictable. The problem was that a significant number of capitalists were making shed-loads of cash off rising prices: developers, bankers, landowners and so on.

Irish politicians were hardly going to spoil their party when so many brown envelopes were addressed to them. The corporate media gorged itself on the revenue from property ads and, in return, were happy to provide platforms for a whole host of snakeoil salesmen – banks' economists, estate agents and other vested interests - to pimp their propaganda.

The overall affect of all this greed and corruption was that Ireland's economic boom ended up being mostly diverted into the pockets of a tiny number of capitalists. Although they were the ones who made the cash, everybody has to live with the ruinous consequences of their decisions. The country is littered with thousands of empty properties in areas without services where nobody wants to live. At the same time, hundreds of thousands of people will spend decades struggling to pay back the massive loans they took to buy their homes. If interest rates continue to rise, thousands could face eviction and repossession. This appalling vista is a direct consequence of an economic system based on greed and exploitation.

Housing is a basic human need – people really can't choose to do without it. Those who own property exploit this need to enrich themselves. They don't care if they wreck the economy and thousands of lives – that's somebody else's problem.

There is nothing inevitable about this system. It would be perfectly possible to organise housing in a completely different way. Society could provide everybody with decent housing as a basic right. Doing so would cut out all the horrendous waste and greed that the profit-motive introduces.

The reason that society doesn't do it like that is not because it's too difficult, it's because the current situation suits those with power perfectly well. Workers, in general, have no say in such matters, all we can do is to try to get as good housing as we can afford and keep our fingers crossed that the market doesn't turn on us.

In the long term, the only solution is to replace capitalism with a system where housing is allocated according to need, not profit. However, there's no point waiting around for the revolution. In the short term, there are a whole host of ways in which workers can limit the destructiveness of capitalists.

Demanding more public housing, opposing planning corruption, resisting evictions, protesting poor conditions and many other such actions can give workers some measure of control over the housing market. As the property crash intensifies, more and more people will have to choose between fighting back and penury. The sooner we start organising the better.

Chekov Feeney

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Pay restraint is not for the rich, but ICTU still say **Carry On Partner**

Working people in the Irish Republic have been hearing a lot from the representatives of our exploiters about the need for us to exercise 'pay restraint' and to 'moderate our demands' in these difficult times. The bosses' organisations IBEC and ISME have been given considerable airtime and newspaper space in order to convince us of the necessity for sacrifice on our part, and this message has been taken up by the government too.

Brian Cowen tells us that 'pay restraint under partnership' is necessary, and will be good for the economy 'going forward', like Bertie Ahern said before him. Meanwhile our purchasing power at the supermarket tills, petrol station forecourts and high street shops is shrinking before our eves. Who are these guys trying to fool?

Inflation is currently running at its highest level for twenty years because the rise in the price of ever-scarcer resources is being imposed on us every time we go shopping or pay a bill. But we cannot expect any relief in the form of higher wages for our work that makes and distributes all that we ourselves consume.

The bosses who profit from our daily need to live do not feel they must themselves live by their message. It's different for them. There is no call for them to restrain their profit taking for the common good. No, we are told that they have to maintain and even increase their profits to show that Ireland is 'globally competitive' and a 'healthy' economy. These messages from the business establishment and government come when the so-called partnership process enters another round of nerotiations.

Ordinary working folk should not be fooled by self-serving rhetoric coming from the privileged, but many senior trade union leaders taking part in the negotiations will tell us that nothing better is possible. Their very good salaries and high-powered careers mean they don't really share the concerns and understand the vulnerable situation of hundreds of thousands of their own members,

Even under 'partnership' you're better off in a union

The Central Statistics Office says trade union members usually get better pay than those who are not unionised.

The average difference is £6.05 an hour for women and €3.43 an hour for men.



Despite much searching Siobhan could find no evidence of partnership being good for her

They are more concerned with not rocking the boat, and will recommend a yes vote on the pay terms, almost regardless of what is proposed. What is described by the high priests of money and (sometimes) the Irish Congress of Trade Unions as 'restructuring' and 'flexibility' are better known by their real names of job losses and casualisation.

In tough times we are all expected to rescue the rich and privileged from the consequences of their own economic system, and make good their losses. We, on the other hand, can expect no such tender care - we are the ones who will make sacrifices. Why should we? And why is it always us whose demands must remain unmet, while Capital and Profit march greedily on?

Why should we accept this unequal sharingout of risk and reward? A good first step towards rebuilding fighting unions and putting working class interests first would be the rejection of the 'partnership' confidence trick. Then we should carry on to end the power of the profiteers over our lives!

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Seomra Spraoi Dublin social centre, reopening shortly at 113 Cork Street. www.seomraspraoi.blogspot.com

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CAMPAIGNING GROUPS

Shell to Sea Campaign to move Shell's gas pipeline offshore from Co. Mavo www.shelltosea.com

Hands Off the People of Iran Anti-imperialist network for solidarity with Iranian trade unions and the women's rights movement. www.hopoi.org

Choice Ireland Abortion rights action group choiceireland(a gmail.com

Residents Against Racism Opposing racism & deportations 24-hour helpline: 087-666 2060

Anti-War Ireland Democratic anti-war organisation www.antwarireland.org

Anarchist Black Cross (Belfast) Assists class war prisoners worldwide www.myspace.com/belfastabc

anarchist website with news and discussion from all five continents; in English, Turkish, Polish, Arabic, Spanish, Dutch, Norwegian, German & Greek.

LabourStart for Irish and international trade union news www.labourstart.org



The Federation of Anarchist Communists of Italy

have an English language site with lots of articles and pamphlets for you to read or download.

www.fdca.it/fdcaen

Lisbon Vote: A Class Act

As the morning of Friday 13th of June grew towards midday, the government realised with mounting horror that they had not only lost the referendum for the Lisbon treaty, but had lost badly. In the end, with a turnout higher than both Nice referenduma and European elections, the Irish

electorate had cast more No votes than the number that elected the FF government last year.

In the days that followed the media commentators in press, radio and television, groped around blindly for arguments or reasons why the people have rejected the appeals of the united front of political parties and bosses to "do the right thing" and rubberstamp this treaty.



from the chatterati, one theme, indeed Friday the 13th's most strking and historic theme, has been missing. A wise man once said "listen for the silences". In this deluge of punditry there has been an almost total silence over "the big C". As in class, not cancer. The results of this referendum show a vote split along class lines that has not been seen so clearly since the founding of the Republic.

Indeed, given that the referendum basically came down to a question of "do you believe that your interests are the same as those

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of the political elites who have concocted this treaty and grown rich on the back of EU expansion and the celtic tiger?", the result is no mystery at all. The middle class have mostly agreed - why wouldn't they? The working class are naturally more sceptical and unwilling to sign a blank cheque for those who have plundered the coffers while leaving our schools, hospitals and infrastructure to crumble.

So in the face of the remarkable unity of the European ruling classes behind this initiative that we remarked upon before the referendum, the Irish working class has responded with its own unity in a clearsighted refusal to give legitimacy to a treaty that sought to trick its way past democratic accountability by shrouding its real designs in a deliberately impenetrable fog of bureaucratic gobbledegook.

It's an old cliche to say that Dev would be spinning in his grave, but the event that is the referendum result has broken the post civil-war bipartisan consensus that, no matter what else, class politics was the one thing that had to be avoided at all costs in this state. Of course one swallow does not make a summer, but this event is like the sudden spark in the night that illuminates a scene for a brief instant and reveals a hitherto hidden scene. A very different social picture from the smug triumphalism of the FF 2007 election victory.

The referendum result is not only a crisis for the constitution of a bosses' Europe, but also the beginnings of a political breakdown of the FF/FG excommunication of class politics from Irish society.

Paul Bowman

But amongst all the outpouring of words that you

US Dockers strike against the war

For those of us involved in the fight for workers' power, the 1st of May gave us much to be cheerful about. Traditionally



a day to celebrate working class solidarity and militancy, workers in America and lraq marked it with a wonderful demonstration of both of these fine qualities.

Work was shut down in 29 ports across the US as 25,000 dock workers organised in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union went on strike against the American war in Iraq. This action was supported by some truck drivers and postal workers in the US, and by fellow dock workers in Iraq who struck in the ports of Umm Qasr and Khor Al Zubair, protesting against the war, religious sectarianism, and the economic agenda of the occupation.

As they wrote in a solidarity letter to ILWU members: "The courageous decision you made to carry out a strike on May Day to protest against the war and occupation of Iraq advances our struggle against occupation to bring a better future for us and for the rest of the world as well. We are certain that a better world will only be created by the workers and



The union's drill team leads the San Francisco May Day march

what you are doing is an example and proof of what we say... We in Iraq are looking up to you and support you until the victory over the US administration's barbarism is achieved."

Ronan McHugh

Get involved, check out - www.wsm.ie

It's not incompetence, it's sabotage HSE Board have an interest in running down health service



Let's put a gang of joyriders in charge of road safety. An unbelievably stupid idea? Of course it is, only someone who didn't give a damn about road safety would even suggest it. So would you put people with a financial interest in running down the public health service in charge of our hospitals?

That's exactly what the government has done. The Board of the Health Service Executive is full of them. Making profits is what really matters to Brian Cowan and his chums in the PDs and Green Party.

A pitiful public service forces people to buy private health insurance and use private facilities. Just over 50% of the population have done this, mostly to get just basic care without waiting years.

Chairman, Liam Downey used to be Chief Executive of the medical company, Becton Dickenson. He also sits on the executive of the bosses' organisation, IBEC.

Joe Macri, European boss of computer multinational Microsoft.

Donal de Buitleir is a general manager in Allied Irish Banks.

Niamh Brennan, wife of former PD leader Michael McDowell, is an accountant, Professor of Management at UCD, and belongs to the Institute of Directors.

Eugene McCague is one of the owners of law firm Arthur Cox, whose business clients control much of the country's wealth. He is also a member of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Board actually works with people who are ill. Michael Murphy is Dean of Medicine at University College Cork and Anne Scott is Professor of Nursing at Dublin City University.

Psychologist Maureen Gaffney is also on the Board. A regular on RTE radio, she has an opinion on everything except the state of our hospitals.

Pat Farrell is the former chief executive of Galvia Private Hospital in Galway, and current Chief Executive of the Irish Banking Federation.

Joe Mooney is a newly retired senior civil servant from the Department of Finance, and P.J. Fitzpatrick is Chief Executive of the Courts Service.

Undocumented Irish in US to be hit by new anti-union law



The Kansas Senate has voted in a new law that will make criminals out

of unions which organise workers who are illegal immigrants. To "collect union dues from any alien who is not lawfully present in the United States" would be subject to fines from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

The same Senators repeatedly rejected attempts to impose punishments on employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers. In other words, in Kansas, while employers are free to do whatever they want when hiring, trade unions will be punished for uniting with their work colleagues.

What a boon this will be to union busting employers! Keeping the undocumented out of unions makes them more exploitable. And any boss wanting to stick the boot into the union only has to drop in a few illegal aliens, let the union recruit them, then make sure the union gets reported for collecting dues. The fines hurt the union and the employer gets off free and easy!

Another IBEC executive member is Neither of the two medical members of the

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Thinkina Why Class Matters about Anarchism

The concept of class is fundamental to the anarchist understanding of society. The goal of anarchist Anarchists are use that it is in automatically. Neither are we saving communism is to create a classless society where everyone is on an equal footing, where all have the long-term interests of all, that class is the only oppression but equal access to wealth and contribute to society as best they can. Why then do anarchists argue that regardless of their relative position rather that it must be a focus if we only the working class has the power to create a free and equal society?

Many figures in the economic and political clite argue that we now live in a classless society. While it is true that class as an economic and social phenomenon has changed as capitalism has developed, this is not to say that we are no longer divided by class, just that the boundaries and definitions have become more complex.

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The working class far outnumbers

those in the capitalist class; under

position; this is what is meant by

"class struggle". Anarchists contend

First of all, lets try to define what we social infrastructure like education, mean by "class". The simplest way health and other public services; the to begin is to look at the two main rest is profit or "surplus value" for classes: the working class and the the capitalist class. capitalist class. The working class may be broadly defined as those who In other words, work generates must work to survive but have little wealth but this wealth is not control over the nature of their work controlled by those who do the work, or indeed the circumstances of their it is controlled by those who manage lives.

In todays Ireland, this includes both high-ranking businessmen, large blue-collar workers (the "traditional" landowners and members of the working class) as well as (due to our changing economy) many in white collar jobs. It also includes the many women who do the unwaged work of child rearing and housekeeping capitalism a very small number of which ensures a steady supply of people have most of the wealth and new workers for the bosses. Those power. The interests of those at the dependent on the social welfare are bottom (housing, good working also part of this class since their conditions, health care etc) are in payments are based on either work conflict with those at the top who they have done or their potential to wish to maintain their privileged work

The distinction between the working that it is a fundamental force shaping are thereby decreased, class and the capitally class its every society in human lastory best described m terms of their

ownership of the things which are The divides are not always so black needed to do work: land, factories, and white; there are those workers raw materials etc, which we refer to who have a higher standing than as "the means of production". In a those lower down the scale. These nutshell, the capitalist class own and arc the so-called "middle classes". control these things. The capitalists which can be difficult to define workers in the form of wages and class above or below. Examples

company's activities



world's most lethal weapons of "legitimate business mass destruction to the world's most human rights abusing regime

But it didn't work. That the jury acquitted the 9 goes to show that That is why the prosecution had ordinary people, when presented tried to have the case tried as a with all the facts in a measured and "terrorist"case, so it wouldn't be sober manner, won't buy into th brought in front of a jury soin and euphemisms soouted by the

and direct the workers, Examples of those in this class would be

> would be white-collar workers with some degree of managerial power, self-employed business people or farmers. The creation of a "middle class" enables the capitalists to rule more effectively and invisibly; by creating a sort of "class ladder" individuals are encouraged to compete for a better position. The possibilities for collective action to improve the position of all workers

This is quite understandable, as any working person will tell you they wouldn't mind higher wages or better working conditions. The old tactic of "divide and rule" by the capitalist class also serves to pit one section of the class against each pass some of this wealth back to the as at each end they shade into the other, divided under gender, ethnic or other lines



consciousness be developed, so that individuals recognise how they are being exploited and realise their collective power to change society. Unfortunately, this does not always come about spontaneously. Some libertarians argue that focusing on class is unnecessary and means ignoring other forms of oppression

such as sexism and racism. Other left wing tendencies have argued that these are "side issues" to the issue of class. Anarchist communists see all forms of oppression as having a connection and serving to re-enforce each other

Anarchists are not saying that once we get rid of class, that such things as sexism and racism will disappear

corporate PR gurus, the government and the mainstream media

in the current system, to unite are to achieve any lasting change

against the capitalists. For this to beyond token reforms. For example,

happen, it is necessary that a class admitting more women to positions

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of power in the current system docs

little to improve life for the majority

of women in the working class

Domestic labour is still carried out

unpaid by millions of working class

A truly revolutionary movement can

only come from the action of the

working class as a class. We are the

ones who keep society running, it

is well within our ability to remove

the political and economic apparatus

that forces most of the population to

work for the benefit of a privileged

elite. Our experience of working

co-operatively under capitalism

prepares us to take control. Victories

in our everyday struggles to improve

working and living conditions teach

that's ...

The Health Services Executive

in Cork is spending nearly four

times as much giving work

that used to be done by a HSE

employee to private profiteers

A worker in the Environmental

Health Unit (which deals with

everything from transport

to pest control) used to get

a maximum of €700 a week

until he retired this year. Now

the same work is being given

to a private firm, who charge

"There wasn't anyone in the

office, from the receptionist

up, who paid as low a tax rate

fas mel." The world's third

richest man. Warren Buffiett,

explained on NBC television

how the US taxation system

favours the rich over everyone

else. Ile said he paid 17.7%

compared to an average 32.9%

According to the Forbes annual

list of billionaires, the richest

the world's monetary wealth.

among his office staff.

62 625 a week

Capitalism

Bob Kavanagh

Instead they cut through the crap and supported the actions of ordinary people who decided not to wait for politicians to fulfill their empty promises, and took matters into their own hands.

Whoever said that radical ideas like taking direct action don't appeal to the majority of people? This case proves that, given the chance to hear all the facts, most of us will support direct action. We say; fair play to the Raytheon 9! And fair play to the jury foracquittingthem

According to the UN Food Shane O'Curry & Agriculture Organisation approximately 6 nullion BUSH & BLAI children are dying from hunger every year, and every day 30.000 children die from easily preventable diseases like dearrhoea, measles and breathing problems.

In the ten years from 1996-2005, profits in the 26 county retail sector rose by 338% but wages only went up by 126%. Such are the benefits of 'social partnership'

Solidarity action by Cork Dockers

In mid-April, Cork dock workers took action in support of the crew of The Defender, a cargo ship owned by Forestry Shipping from Riga, Latvia but registered in Cambodia. The Defender had nine crew on board and was carrying cargo for delivery in the Cork area. Kevin Doyle spoke to spoke to Peter Anders, Stephen McCarty and Timmy Ricken, members of SIPTU's No 5 branch about the action.

solidarity

You were at work when you heard weren't honoured by the owners. We also met with a representatives about the situation of the crew. Can you tell me what happened? forced on them. Well you see, the boys in Connolly

Hall* heard about the Defender via Is this an unusual situation to come Ken Fleming of the International across on the docks or Transport Federation. We were what? working when we got a call at 9am to When we were asked tellus that the crew on this Defender to support them we did hadn't been paid. When we got to so and it was then we where the ship was berthed. Ken found out about what Fleming was there with our acting was happening on the branch secretary. There were six Defender. The ITF knew of our colleagues discharging the about it and had been ship - well five and a foreman, that tracking the ship for a is. The ship was loaded with timber. while. She was regularly So, we were made aware of the calling to Cork, that ship, consequences of the situation and but we didn't know abou there was a bit of too-ing and froit 'till we heard via Ken ing. We were asked for our support. Fleming, And we decided to support the crew on humanitarian grounds - that the What was the response

people weren't being paid. Our lads to your stopped unloading the ship at about 11 action? or 11.30 or thereabout. *SIPTU's Well nothing happened then! What I mean is that the timber load was on the

so late in the day about the ship and thing to swallow. You can imagine even when they berthed in a port these men probably had no money to disembark. It was very difficult. The crew's claim for unpaid wages

Turkish workers take on killer bosses

SUDDORL.

During the protests 70 workers were

The police not only arrested

workers went on strike in a bid weighing half aton.

There have been 97 deaths since the reckless disregard for safety the shipyard was privatised by the regulations shown by the shipyard government five years ago and management, subcontractors and 19 deaths since the Minister of Employment and Social Security (the main union on the site), Tib-der promised, on September 8th 2007, (shipyard workers' unity association) the issue would be resolved. The and the Shinyard Workers' Council latest worker killed in the shipyards have called for an open ended was 35 years old lhsan Turman.



Mother Jones

Where was theship from?

And anyway at this potint word was It was a Latvian ship but the sailors out. The Harbour Board workers were a couple of nationalities. We are also militant - the harbour pilots weren't too worried where they were and so on, I mean. If they say some action is justified, then not much can move in the harbour

What was the upshot of the meetingat the airport?

We have a great relationship with We got a guarantee from the Harbour them. And if we are backing a authoritics that the ship would not be dispute, they will back us up. And allowed leave the port. In fact the we would also back them. We are all ship was arrested in the sensethat in No 5 branch of SIPTU, as are the it was impounded. Along the way, a Harbour Board workers and pilots big load of cigarettes was found or board her too - so that complicated Did all the crew of the Defender

things further for the owners. So get sorted? anyway the ship was now to be kept In three or four days yes. We started in port. Once we had secured this the action on a Thursday and by agreement that the crew would be Tuesday of the following week we paid, we gave our men the word to were notified that they had all been discharge the cargo as there were paid. Everything wem well once quite a few businesses waiting we secured the agreement. The ship on that cargo of timber. Those sailed offagain.

Some new lousy contracts were of Doyles. Doyles are the stevedore company that we work for. They were dealing with the Defender.



businesses were anxious to get the cargo moving.

No one was happy at this stage. Not staving. We had a meeting with Ken the Harbour Board, not Doyles, not the ship's agent. To he hir, if a was

known about what was happening this point? with the Defender. it wouldn't even Well the Harbour Master got onro have been let into Cork Harbour in the first place. But that was a good move by Ken Fleming and the ITF So our priority was to get the sailors their money It was total in justice

George Bush's war in Iraq. Are there similarities with these widely Did the crew get their money at publicised cases? Solidarity isalways there It's always been there, but when we don't know

the owners and said about the money owed to the crew. The Harbour Master could technically sell the cargo to settle the matter if he wished. Our employer. PF Doyle. went with the flow then. They wanted to get the cargo moving too

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In the recent times.

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well publicised cases

of dock workers acting

in solidarity with other

workers and with larger

political struggles. The

South African workers

refused to unload

weapons for Mugabe's

regime in Zimbabwe and

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Anarchism and the **Workers Solidarity Movement**

Our campaign against the Lisbon The call came from the anarchi CNT-AIT union in Spain and the treaty saw anarchist posters in towns as far apart as Ballina, Ennis and Bray; Industrial Workers of the World. Information about Starbuck's street stalls in Limerick Waterford Cork and Wexford; and 50,000 profits and the benefits of unionisation were given to staffin leaflets delivered to homes. We made our case that working people should caties in Belfast Cork and Dublin Protests were also held in Belfa have no confidence in the bosses' plans, and we introduced anarchist deas to thousands who have never

(with the 'Organise' group) and in

The 30 people outside the College Green branch moved up the road to the Dawson Street one afler hearing the manager there had tom them up They decide how much you get paid, what hours you

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remained silent about the deaths According to official statistics more until they were faced with further than a thousand workers due in Turkey protests by the families of the each year in preventable workplace deceased workers, which attracted accidents and five thousand die from huge national and international workplace acquired illnesses

arrested and one worker was run over Messages of support and solidarity by a car belonging to a subcontractor can be sent to: limteris a gmail con-

at Lionbridge in Dun Laoghaire The multinuitional firm sacked a trade union representative in their Warsaw office and, as part of an international day of action, the ZSP union a ked the WSM to stage a protest and inform Dublin. staff here about the case. They were leaffeted about the victimisation, and

oth contact detuils of unions here Meanwhile, in an attempt toscarestaff away from talking to us, management ilmedeverything for the full hour we snatched leaflets from staff and what 'their' staff can read. With

The following day saw the WSM work, and now they want to doubt bosses like that who can doubt the need for aumon?

workers, they also confiscated a tent. Deaths in the shipyards are due to the lack of safety equipment and workers the Ministry authorities. Limiter-ls

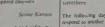
banners and publications belonging to the union and arrested union officials. The representatives of the subcontractors, who are responsible for these deaths, placed the blame or

What happened then?

Workers in Turkey face tremendous pressures in making demands for basic rights such as workplace safety, job security, better pay and a Friday July 4th saw 17 people give minimum standard of living. They up their lunchhour to leaflet workers

face arrests and lengthy sentences for "public disorder", lock-outs and losing their jobs. The shipsard workers who are taking this action to stop deaths face death themselves

At the end of February 2008 shipyard workers went on a two day strike afterfive deaths in that month alone. They are also just the tip of the The authoritarian, religious Turkish government and the national media



respond to another call for solidarity with trade unionists sacked by Starbucks in Spain and the USA

countered them before

300 families own over 50% of

On June 16th Turkish shipyard crushed to death under machinery to stop workplace deaths at Tuzla docks, near Istanbul.

we said that. But anyway we went from there to the new airport hotel and we met the Harbour Master and others there. They were all at a meeting upat this hotel as there were amounted to over €50,000. They big discussions going on about the We weren't going to unload the ship were all signed up for the agreed proposed extension of the Cork docks until they did. ITF minimum rates, but these rates down into Ringaskiddy deep port,

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of June grew towards midday, the government realised with mounting horror that they had

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Chairman, Liam Doveroy used to be Chief Executive of the medical company, Becton Dickenson, I te also sits on the executive of the bosses' organisation, IBEC.

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have an English language site with lots of articles and pamphlets for you to read or

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the chatterati, one theme Friday the 13th's most strking and historic

theme, has been missing. A wise man once said "listen for the silences". In this deluge

said "listen for the sitences". In this delige of punditry there has been an almost total silence over "the big C". As in class, not cancer. The results of this referendum show a vote split along class lines that has not been seen so clearly since the founding of

Indeed, given that the referendum basically came down to a question of "do you believe



of the political effes who have concocted this treaty and grown rich on the back of EU expansion and the celtic tiger?", the result is no mystery at all. The middle class have mostly agreed - why wouldn't they? The working class are naturally more sceptical and unwilling to sign a blank cheque for those who have plundered the coffers while leaving our schools hosnials. ers while leaving our schools, hospitals and infrastructure to crumbl

So in the face of the remarkable unity of the European ruling classes behind this initiative that we remarked upon before the referendum, the Irish working class has responded with its own unity in a clearresponce with its own unity in a cear-sighted refusal to give legitimacy to a treaty that sought to trick its way past democratic accountability by shrouding its real designs in a deliberately impenetrable fog of bureaucratic gobbledegook.

It's an old cliche to say that Dev would be spinning in his grave, but the event that is the referendum result has broken the post the referendum result has broken the post civil-war bipartisan consensus that, no matter what else, class politics was the one thing that had to be avoided at all costs in this state. Of course one swallow does not make a summer, but this event is like the surdea enable is the aibht that illuminates sudden spark in the night that illuminates a scene for a brief instant and reveals a hitherto hidden scene. Av cry different social picture from the smug triumphalism of the FF 2007 election victory.

The referendum result is not only a crisis for the constitution of a bosses' Europe, but also the beginnings of a political breakdown of the FF/FG excommunication of class m Irish society

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US Dockers strike against the war

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For those of us involved in the fight for workers' power, the 1st of May gave us much to be cheerful about. Traditionally a day to celebrate working class solidarity and militancy, workers in America and Rich Man's War

In America and Iraq marked it with a wonderful demonstration of both of these fine qualities.

Poor Man's Work was shut down Blood ! in 29 ports across the US as 25,000 dock workers organised in



the occupation.

As they wrote in a solidarity letter to ILWU members: "The courageous decision you made to carry out a strike on May Day to protest against the war and occupation to bring a better future for us and for the rest world will only be created by the vorkers and



The union's drill team leads the San Francisco May Day march

what you are doing is an example and proof of what we say... We in Iraq are looking up to you and support you until the victory over the US administration's barbarism is

given considerable airtime and newspaper space in order to convince us of the necessity sacrifice on our part, and this message has been en up by the gove 1 GWC

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At the same time, hundreds of thousands of people will speed decades artigging to buy their homes. If interest rates continue to rese, dousends could force verition nata represession. This appalling visits is a direct consequence of an economic system based on greed and exploitation.

Brian Cowen tells us that 'pay restraint under partnership' is necessary, and will be good for the economy 'going forward', like Bertie Ahern said before him. Meanwhile our purchasing power at the supermarket tills, petrol station forecourts and high street shops is shrinking before our eyes. Who are these guys trying to fool?

tion is currently running at its highest level

for twenty years because the rise in the price of ever-scarcer resources is being imposed on

us every time we go shopping or pay a bill. But we cannot expect any relief in the form of higher wages for our work that makes and distributes all that we ourselves consume.

distributes all final we ourselves consume. The boases who profit from our daily need to live do not feel they must themselves live by their message. It's different for them. There is no call for them to restrain their profit taking for the common good. No, we are told that they have to maintain and even increase their profits to show that Ireland is 'globally competitive' and a 'healthy' economy. These messages from the business establishment and government come when the so-called partnership process enters another round of negotiations.

Ordinary working folk should not be fooled by self-serving rhetoric coming from the privileged, but many senior trade union leaders taking part in the negotiations will tell us that nothing better is possible. Their very good salaries and high-powered careers mean they don't really share the concerns and understand the vulnerable situation of hundreds of thousands of their come

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Even under

'partnership' you're

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The Central Statistics Office says trade

union members usually get better pay than those who are not unionised.

The average difference is €6.05 an hour

for women and €3.43 an hour for men,

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Pay restraint is not for the rich, but ICTU still say

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Profesters outside Dublin City Hall in May when long-promised. Pf regeneration plans for their communities were scapped after billion fevelopers McNamaras said there was not enough profit for them.

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Although many politicians and developers will tell you that the property creats is oni adsenter - bank's economiste, estate robody's fault – due to market conditions egents and other vested interests - to pump generation other vested interests - to pump and other vested

The construction industry and the property narries have well and truly collapsed. House prices have already fallen by up to 20% in some areas since

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Irish politicians were hardly going to spoil their party vitror on many brown revelopes media gorged trocif on the revenue from property ads and, in return, were happy to

sh off rising prices: developers, bankers, The problem was that a significant number of capitalists were making shed-loads of

The problem was that a similar at the propaganda. The property bubble was enticly predictable. The property bubble was enticly predictable.

2006, and the fall is set to continue for some years still.

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Despite much searching Siobhan could find no evidence of partnership being good for her

They are more concerned with not rocking the boat, and will recommend a yes vote on the pay terms, almost regardless of what is propused. What is described by the high prissis of money and (sometimes) the Irish Congress of Trade Unions as 'restructuring' and 'ltexibility' are better known by their real names of job losses and casualisation.

Why should we accept this unequal sharing Why should we capt inits uncertain sharing-out of risk and reward? A good first step towards rebuilding fighting unions and putting working class interests first would be the rejection of the 'partnership' contidence trick. Then we should carry on to end the power of the profileers over our lives!

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In tough times we are all expected to rescue In rough times we are all expected to rescue the rich and privileged from the consequences of their own economic system, and make good their losses. We on the other hand, can expect no such tender care – we are the ones who will make sacrifices. Why should we? And why is it always us whose demands must remain unnex, while Capital and Profit march greedily on?



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Carry On Partner Working people in the Irish Republic have been hearing a lot from the representatives of our exploiters about the need for us to exercise 'pay restraint' and to 'moderate our demands' in these difficult times. The bosses' organisations IBEC and ISME havebeen

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